



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. JOHN EMERSON
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NVS-215KS
12T-019

Subject: Tread/Belt Separation

Dear Mr. EMERSON:

This letter serves to acknowledge MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA, INC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

BF GOODRICH/COMMERCIAL T/A A/S/LT 235/85R16 120 Q LRE
BF GOODRICH/COMMERCIAL T/A A/S/LT 245/75R16 120 Q LRE
UNIROYAL/LAREDO HD/H /LT 245/75R16 120 Q LRE
UNIROYAL/LAREDO HD/H /LT 235/85R16 120 Q LRE

Mfr's Report Date: July 24, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12T-019

Components:

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 799,900

Problem Description:

BF Goodrich Commercial T/A A/S and Uniroyal Laredo HD/H tires are being recalled, sizes LT235/85R16 120 Q Load Range E and LT245/75R16 120 Q Load Range E. These tires may develop a separation at the tread/belt edge.

Consequence:

Tread/belt separation of the tire while the vehicle is in use can result in rapid air loss which may increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Owners will be notified by BF Goodrich and Uniroyal, and dealers will replace the affected tires free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on, or about, August 6, 2012. Owners may contact the Tire Consumer Care line at 1-800-637-5527.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Timian", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement